



Outreach Notice

**US Forest Service
Chugach National Forest
Anchorage, Alaska**

GS-0810-11 Transportation Engineer

If you are looking for a complex and challenging engineering opportunity working in the type of setting pictured above, we are looking for YOU!

The Chugach National Forest is recruiting for a Transportation Engineer to be located in the Supervisor's Office of the Chugach National Forest in Anchorage, Alaska. Interested applicants need to apply by June 5, 2009 to be considered for this position.

Position Title: Transportation Engineer, GS-0810-11

Tour of Duty: Permanent Full Time

Duty Station: Anchorage, Alaska

Issue Date: May 8, 2009

Close Date: June 5, 2009

Background:

The Chugach National Forest has approximately 90 miles of road, located across southcentral Alaska, ranging from Girdwood to Seward, and on the Copper River Delta near Cordova. These roads provide access to administrative facilities, campgrounds, and trails that allow users to experience the forest. The Transportation Engineer has overall program responsibility for management and maintenance of the transportation system on the forest. Maintenance and improvement work is accomplished using contracts.

The engineering staff on the forest is relatively small, and the transportation engineer will have the opportunity, and will be expected, to be involved in other projects, including public use cabins, trails, trail bridges, viewing platforms, and major recreation facilities such as campgrounds and

trailheads. Many of these are remote, and can be reached only by boat, airplane, or by hiking. During the field season, from May through September, one can expect to spend a fair amount of time in the field, working on fun projects in great locations.

Description of Duties:

This position is the Transportation Engineering program manager for the Chugach National Forest. The incumbent for this position will have overall responsibility for the transportation program covering the following major duties:

- Long-range transportation planning for maintenance, improvement, decommissioning, and construction of roads, bridges, and parking facilities.
- Preparation of designs, technical drawings, sketches, and specifications for road and bridge improvement and maintenance projects.
- Project management.
- Road maintenance contracting and implementation.
- Road construction and maintenance budget tracking.
- Conducting condition surveys and safety inspections of forest transportation facilities.
- Data entry and data maintenance in the corporate database.
- Contract administration of A/E, maintenance, and construction contracts.

Qualifications and Experience:

We are looking for someone with a strong background in transportation system planning, management, and maintenance; and road and bridge design and construction.

- A broad background in civil engineering and construction would be an asset to the position.
- Experience working with A/E contractors is highly desired.
- Construction contract administration experience is highly desired.
- Experience in road and bridge design and construction is highly desired.
- Registration as a Professional Engineer is desired, but is not mandatory.
- Certification as a bridge inspector is highly desired.

Those interested in this position must meet the qualification requirements specified in the Office of Personnel Management's Qualification Standards handbook. The OPM Qualification Standards Handbook Manual is available for review at any federal personnel office OR on the Internet at <http://www.opm.gov/qualifications/standards/indexes/0800-ndx.asp>.

How to Apply:

The vacancy announcement for this position is posted on the U.S. Government's official website for employment opportunities at www.usajobs.gov under the following vacancy announcements:

- **ADS08-WOFSJOBS(CE)-0049** (Merit Program – government employees)
<http://tinyurl.com/o5v8bf>
- **ADS08-WOFSJOBS(CE)-0049** (Demo Program – non-government)
<http://tinyurl.com/qmsnch>

NOTE: This is a nationwide Open Continuous Recruitment vacancy announcement. When applying, **you must specifically identify Anchorage, Alaska as a preferred duty station.** Specific application instructions are included in the vacancy announcements.

Those who wish to be considered for this position must apply to the vacancy announcement by June 5, 2009. The Referral List of qualified candidates for this position will be issued to the selecting official on June 8, 2009. All applicants who have applied to the announcement on or before the listed dates, have selected Anchorage as a duty station, and who are found to be qualified and in the quality group will be referred for consideration.

Outreach Response:

In addition to completing the required application process outlined above, we request that you provide a short response to this outreach notice.

If you are interested in the position, please fill out the attached form and send it to Kent Kohlase at kkohlase@fs.fed.us by close of business on June 5, 2009. Early responses will be accepted.

For further information, please contact Kent Kohlase, Forest Engineer, at (907) 743-9442 or by e-mail at kkohlase@fs.fed.us.

We encourage you to call or e-mail us regarding this position, and to learn more about living and working in Anchorage, Alaska. This position offers a challenging career opportunity, as well as the opportunity to work in one of the most spectacular settings in North America.

The Chugach National Forest: www.fs.fed.us/r10/chugach

The Chugach is the northern-most National Forest in the system, with a land base of more than 5.5 million acres. It has the lowest road and trail density per acre in the National Forest System. Recreation, Fish, and Wildlife management are the most significant elements of a diverse Forest program of work.

The forest forms a great arch around Prince William Sound and the Gulf of Alaska, stretching more than 200 miles from the Kenai Peninsula to the Bering Glacier east of Cordova.

Above 2,000 feet, the alpine tundra is snow-free for only a few months each year. This snow contributes to the glacial ice that carves the valleys. Vast ice fields on state, private, and federal lands feed the glaciers, creating a profound solitude unimaginable outside of Alaska. This is solitude where people enter by hiking, skiing, flying or snowmobiling. As the ice melts, river systems form with amazing deltas that fan across the landscape. Frigid fresh water lakes and streams dot the map before reaching sloughs and estuaries, then salt water. Famous glaciers like Portage, Childs and Columbia grind their way through the Chugach to the sea. Portage Glacier is one of the top tourist draws in the state. Each year, people drive the 55 miles from Anchorage to learn about the glacier at the Begich, Boggs Visitor Center and to enjoy the iceberg-filled lake that has formed as the glacier retreats. Abundant fish and wildlife characterize the lowland areas of the Chugach National Forest.

The Chugach National Forest is the second largest in the National Forest system and has three distinct geographic areas:

- **Prince William Sound** encompasses 48% of the forest. It is an area of forested islands, intricate coastlines, and tidewater glaciers, with portions still recovering from the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill of 1989.
- The **Copper River Delta** encompasses 31% of the forest. Congress established the primary management direction for the delta as the conservation of fish and wildlife and their habitat.
- The **Kenai Peninsula** encompasses 21% of the Chugach National Forest. Its lands, mountains, and rivers are the most accessible of the three areas. Of the three geographic areas, the Kenai has the most recreational activity, wood harvesting, and mineral activity.

The Community:

Anchorage, Alaska

www.anchoragechamber.org/
http://travel.yahoo.com/t/North_America/United_States/Alaska/Anchorage/

Anchorage is a modern city, complete with skyscrapers, a thriving business district and bustling international airport. The municipality has 1,955 square miles, including the smaller

communities of Eagle River to the north and Girdwood to the south. It is Alaska's largest city, with approximately 280,000 residents.

Anchorage is the hub of the state's communication, transportation, health care, finance, and trade industries, supporting a vital business sector. Anchorage International Airport is the air crossroads for transporting goods and services on many east-west routes between the United States, Pacific Rim countries and the Russian market. There is a strong military presence in Anchorage which includes Elmendorf Air Force Base and Fort Richardson.

An urban metropolis surrounded by wilderness, Anchorage provides all the amenities and conveniences of a large city, but leaves behind the normal congestion and hectic pace of cities outside of Alaska. There are several shopping malls, specialty shops, gourmet coffee houses and fine restaurants. Anchorage has a large and active arts community, and is included on many U.S. tours of major theatrical productions. The latest movies play on several multi-screen theaters, and Anchorage is home to several retail giants including J.C. Penney, Best Buy, Sears, Wal-Mart, Nordstrom, SAM's Club, Costco Wholesale, Home Depot, Office Depot, Lowes Hardware & Garden, Pier 1 Imports, and The Gap,.

The spring and fall are subtle, relatively brief yet beautiful seasons. Winter, because of Anchorage's location along the coast, remains mild relative to the rest of the state, with temperatures ranging from 10-25 degrees Fahrenheit. The annual snowfall in Anchorage usually averages less than six feet.

Schools:

<http://www.asd.k12.ak.us/>

Anchorage is an education center with two universities and many technical, vocational and private schools. For the elementary and high school student, Anchorage offers a full array of educational opportunities. The public school system offers a wide range of choices for the type of learning environment you want your child in. For detailed information, please link to the school website provided.

Housing and Cost of Living:

Anchorage and the surrounding area has housing costs that are slightly above the national average. In 2008, the average price of a single family home was about \$330,000.

Federal government employees in Anchorage currently receive a 23% tax-free cost of living allowance which is not creditable toward retirement. The COLA is subject to review and adjustment every year.

OUTREACH NOTICE FORM
Chugach National Forest

Respond by: June 5, 2009

Position Title/Series/Grade: Transportation Engineer GS-0810-11
Duty Station: Anchorage Alaska

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

_____ **E-Mail:** _____

Current title/series/grade/location: _____

Duty Station Preference? _____ **N/A** _____

Type of appointment you are currently under: _____
(e.g., Career, Career-Conditional, Excepted-ANILCA, Excepted VRA, etc)

Are you currently a Federal employee: **YES** _____ **NO** _____

Briefly describe why you will be a quality candidate for this position:

Please describe the experience and background that qualifies you for this position, and why you are interested.

Please include a resume.

Submit this form and resume to: kkohlhase@fs.fed.us